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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON SYDNEY-BASED ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN FOR
AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR (CIET)

REF: PORT MORESBY 0128

1. [REDACTED] AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS CONSIDER THE CAMPAIGN
FOR AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR (CIET) REFERRED TO IN REF TO
BE A COMMUNIST-FRONT ORGANIZATION. THE CIET HAS ONLY ABOUT
FOUR MEMBERS WORKING FULL TIME, ALL OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO
HAVE COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A LONG-TIME LEFT WING ACTIVIST AND A MEMBER OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA (CPA). A NUMBER OF AUS-
TRALIANS WHO ARE NOT COMMUNISTS BUT WHO SINCERELY WANT TO
PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO FRETELIN
ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORGANIZATION TO SOME DEGREE.

2. THE CIET HAS PUBLISHED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MATER-
IAL ABOUT THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR, EMPHASIZING
INDONESIA'S MILITARY ROLE AND ACCUSING JAKARTA'S

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FORCES OF HAVING COMMITTED NUMEROUS ATROCITIES IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORY. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THEREFORE THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS MAKING ALLEGATIONS ABOUT INDONESIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG THE WEST IRIAN BORDER.

3. A SIMILAR STORY APPEARED IN THE FEBRUARY 18, 1976 EDITION OF THE TRIBUNE, AUSTRALIA'S COMMUNIST WEEKLY. HARGROVE

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